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EDITORIAL

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

We greatly sympathize with Bro. C. H. Ardis and family, of Shreveport, La., in the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Parker. She was one of the active and helpful members of the Shreveport church during our pleasant pastorate there.

Now and then good words come to us from our beloved O. D. Bowen and his great people at Ellisville, to the effect that they are actively on the up-grade. A good church and a good pastor will continue to show them great favor.

Good reports come to us of the good and growing work of Bro. L. E. Hall and his progressive people at the prosperous city of Hattiesburg. Fast as the city may grow, the Baptist church and Sunday School, under the direction of Brother Hall and Combs, do not fail to keep pace.

BRETHREN have recently sent us copies of the Minutes of the General Association, the Bogue Chitto, and the Harmony Associations, to all of whom we feel under special obligations. It affords us great pleasure to observe that the proceedings of these Baptist bodies show encouraging evidences of progress and growth. May God greatly augment His blessings to them, help them to multiply their good works, and to attain to yet greater measures of success for His glory.

The Voice, of New York, the great prohibition organ of the nation, has been doing some of the best work of its history in the treatment it has given, and is still giving, to the liquor question in connection with the University at Princeton, N. J. The Christian world was shocked and stood aghast at the spectacle of a professed Christian school not only tolerating, but actually encouraging liquor saloons. The entire religious community of the nation owe The Voice an immense debt of gratitude for its valiant service in squelching the great evil.

THE WAR CLOUD.

None of us who have seen active service in the field as soldiers, however patriotic we may feel, can think of actual war at the present time without a shudder at its horrors, and a shrinking from such a calamity. Apart from all this, however, the deplorable anti-moral element in it, with the demoralizing tendencies which follow after, make it a misfortune that all Christian people ought to resist with all the resources of influence and divine supplication at their command. We are not familiar with the resources of Spain, but suppose they are formidable from all of their loud "war talk"; but we know a little of our own, and would regard a conflict of arms between the two governments as one of the greatest military features, and at the same time one of the greatest calamities of the century. Suppose, for a moment, we should have a war; let us see what proportions it might assume. It is estimated that in less than ten days this government could put 200,000 well drilled and well equipped men in the field from the regular army and State militia, and still have the small contingent of over ten million more, subject to call for any emergency, with ample resources and facilities for their early arming and equipment with supplies and transportation. Then, with the navy we already have, and immediate facilities for increasing it many fold from the merchant marine, this government could, in a little while, present an armament on both land and water that would make it very interesting, if not an equal, for any nation of the old world. And now what are the possibilities of war? Let us see what the situation really is.

The De Lome letter, and the destruction of the American battle ship Maine in the harbor of Havana, with the wholesale destruction of human life, have combined to bring about the sharpest crisis between the two nations, and one which is of a most trying and hazardous character. Whatever the official relations between the governments may seem to have been, as well as the personal and reciprocal attitude of the official representatives, it is certain that the people—the masses of the people—of both nations are intensely hostile in their feeling and expressions. It would appear that such unseemly mischances would have been sufficient not only to bring on such a dangerous crisis, but actually to precipitate a fatal collision from the pressure that the people would bring to bear upon the governments. If war should be the result of present conditions, it would be just what the civilized nations of the world are expecting, and perhaps what could not have been avoided by any possible means fifty years ago. But should there be no war as the result, then it must be conceded that the time has come when poetry and action have

ceased to rule the world as such, and have been changed into practical fact, and the "pen" has really come to be "mightier than the sword." In other words, the growth of intelligence and the realized value of human experience have conspired to bring the modern world into the high and controlling position of "master of the situation." Of course we believe that the element or sentiment of the religion of peace and good will has entered more largely into the spirit of the times than formerly, and that it has served to make our representative people and public men more tolerant and forbearing, and less reckless of human life and happiness. That God's hand is in it all, in the way of His providential dealings, must be an admitted and honored fact in any event, and that His wise and beneficent purposes will all come to light and into blessed fruition for the good of His people, in His own good time and "to the praise of the glory of His grace." Only let our hearts be right toward God and men, and our eyes toward His holy hill, and all will be well.

A FEW brethren have written us of late that they had read some of their papers in the last month or so, while they were much regret, and so do we. In explanation for the benefit of any one to whom we may not have written, we would say that for two or more issues of the paper, the pressman failed to get out quite as much as usual of the white paper upon which we print, and it so happened that in one or two instances more of the papers than usual were damaged in passing through the press and folder, so that the supply in mailing came a little short. Such a thing will happen sometimes in the best printing office, but we hope to watch so closely hereafter that it may not happen again. We will gladly make up, at any time, any loss that any subscriber may sustain, if he will inform us of it. Our rule is that of "fairness," as little as some people seem to think of that great principle. All we ask is a "fair" chance to make good our claim. We mean to be "fair" with our brethren, and feel pretty sure they will be "fair" with us.

THE American Baptist Publication Society's literature for March is out, and not one whit behind, if not somewhat ahead, of what has preceded in former months. Their motto seems to be, to do better each month, and it does not require a microscope and a microscope to make out the fact of improvement. This Sunday School literature is, without doubt, fully equal to the demands of our most advanced or exacting people.

DR. VENABLE and Miss May, his daughter, will go on the press excursion to Asheville, N. C., to attend the Southern Baptist Press Association on the 10th of March prox. They have the best wishes of THE RECORD staff for a happy time.

THIRTY-THREE PER CENT LESS.

If our people will "look a little out" among the short items that infest the columns of this present Record, they will find one from the well known and indefatigable Home Mission Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, which conveys the startling information that the Baptists of Mississippi have, up to the present time, come short at least "thirty-three per cent" of their contributions to the funds of that Board as at this time last year. What can the matter be? Surely Mississippi Baptists do not mean that this should continue, after all of the gracious things they have received from the Master's hand through that Board, and in ten thousand other ways. True, we have many of what we call hard and heavy burdens to bear, and seen in the narrow and dim light of their own surroundings they do sometimes appear really formidable and beyond our strength, but in the glow of all of God's goodness in the past, His sustaining blessings of grace and providence in the present, and His rich promises of temporal and spiritual blessings in the future, they ought to lose all of their stony hardness and leady heaviness. Under the blessed influence of these inspiring reflections the first element in true and faithful discipleship, that of self-denial, ought to appear in a new light, and instead of being painful, it

gives of the very best we have, and in liberal measure, for the support of the cause our Master died to establish, and that He has made it our honor and blessing to promote. Then, we must remember that under the encouragement we have given the Board and its secretary, they sought out men of God and sent them into the field to break the bread of life to the perishing, and to bring them a material support for themselves and their families. That surely puts the obligation on God's people, the churches, and makes the matter our own.

Brethren, we beseech you to take a fair and considerate view of this matter. Look at it in the light of a high and blessed privilege, as a grave and responsible duty, under the Master's command, as a personal obligation as constituent members of the churches of Christ who have instituted these methods and encouraged these enterprises; and then think of where we are at along the line of this important work. What does this "thirty-three per cent less" than at this time last year, portend just at this time, when we are scarcely two months away from the annual meeting of our great Convention, when the year's work will be rounded up? Last year at this time we were behind, and had to make a special effort to get it up in time for the Convention. But, brethren, it is always true that "where there is a will, there is a way," and formidable as may seem the task, if God's people will, in these two months, "come

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up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty." He will make bare His arm and give us the success we desire. This paper goes into from 500 to 700 churches in this State, and probably more. Now, if every church where this call is read will have an earnest appeal and take a collection for our Home Board, we will go up to the Convention free from debt, and this humiliating "thirty-three per cent less" wrought into a gladsome victory.

MISS WILLARD.

The death of Miss Frances Willard removes probably the most well-known, if not the most prominent woman of the present half century, from the walks of men. Being a woman of wide intelligence, high moral character, excellent gifts and large ambition to do good, she easily made her way up to a place of general recognition and appreciation with her sex and among the noted leaders of the people and the age. We did not agree with her in several important matters, but whatever may be said as to the proper "sphere of woman" and the proprieties of the sex, it could never be said of Miss Willard that she failed to properly represent her sisters in all that was womanly throughout her conspicuously public career. It would probably be impossible for a good and well meaning Christian woman as she was, under any circumstances to controvert or dis-

appoint the divine aim and purpose in the creation of woman and whatever is to be said of the amount of labor Miss Willard performed the wisdom in it and the results of it, the least and probably the most that could be made out of it, is that it was only auxiliary. In a word, she seems to have led in the original and establishment of no separate, permanent order, body or institution, unless the W. C. T. U. may be said to be such, but she was a wonderful and efficient factor in the great enterprise of establishing sobriety and purity in the world as a "helper." And after all, this is the highest open door by God's Word and providence after that of wife and mother to the noblest and best of women.

All good people appreciate the good Miss Willard has done and greatly admire her lofty character, and as truly mourn with genuine grief over her departure from the earth. No doubt she rests from her labors and that her works will follow her to the end of time.

We are rejoiced to learn of the restoration to health of the venerable and beloved Eld. J. P. Johnston, of Stringer, Miss. Not a few brethren will recall him as the well-known "Piney Woods Rifle" of Southeast Mississippi. Bro. Johnston has been quite ill of late, but we hope he is now fully recovered, and that his useful life will be long spared to proclaim the truth for the Master. His correspondents will hereafter address him at Stringer, Miss.

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1. "We believe in only one God, is there taught anywhere true and living God. And that in the Word of God, a condition is that in persons in that election? Does not the God and the Father, the Bible teach plainly and unambiguously the Holy Ghost, and that the election took place before the foundation of the world? Then, how could it be conditional? Since the party of the Old and New Testaments elected to salvation was not given by the inspiration of God, and of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. "We believe in the fact of Adam in the imputation of his sins to all just posterity in the total depravity of human nature, and man's inability to save himself to the favor of God.

3. "We believe that those who believe in God, and who are in the elect, are only in the sight of God to the improved condition of Jesus Christ, which is up to all upon as them that believe.

4. "We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, are in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified, and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

5. "We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man, Christ—Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his own precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love."

6. "We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification—are evidences of a gracious state, and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love."

7. "We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting."

Is there any room for improvement on the foregoing? But there are brethren among us who will not accept all these articles as expressing the truth. There are brethren who write for the papers, who seem to be out of harmony with the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and I am not sure that they are in harmony with the eighth. As to the third article, there are some who do not seem to believe in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to God's favor. They seem to think that man comes into the world with a sufficient amount of life or ability to sustain him on the road to eternal life, and when he starts out then God comes in to help himself and thus he is enabled to work his way on and with God's help may be saved if he (the sinner) holds out faithful.

The fourth article is repudiated by some ~~ex~~ toto. But I think if they would carefully review their theology, and the teaching of God's Word on the doctrine, they would probably conclude that it is no harder than God's Word makes it. How can we deny that God's love to His people is everlasting, and if we believe in election at all it must certainly be eternal, for God certainly will not elect a person

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Thy fifth article is not altogether agreeable to some. They are willing to admit that the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ is all right and necessary, but, but. The same objection they have to the fourth applied to the sixth, for they cannot accept the sixth without accepting the fourth. I suppose they would make the sixth article read something like this: "We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world are those whom God foreknew would accept Christ, and when they believe in Christ, they are effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified, if they do their part. And are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, if they hold out."

About the same kind of objection, I suppose, would apply to the seventh article, as they would have to believe the fourth to accept it. But they cannot accept the fourth article, they say, because it does away with man's free agency. They hold, of course, that man is regenerated, born of the Spirit, because he repents and believes, and it must be in this way in order to preserve man's free agency. Now let us see about this. You say that before a man is regenerate he is a free agent. Very well, let it be admitted. What kind of a free agent is he? Is he a free agent to turn to God and try to do His will? Did you ever see a man that was not born of the Spirit, desiring to serve God and trying to follow Christ? But is it not the natural inclination of people, who are not born of the Spirit, to follow after the world and serve Satan? Certainly it is. And are they not free agents, doing exactly what they desire to do, if it is in their power? And are they not the same kind of free agents, after the truth of the Spirit, that they were before? Desiring to do that which they are inclined to do? Let us thank God for the new and gracious inclination. No! the free agency of man is not at all disturbed. And don't be afraid, my brother, that God will save anyone against His will, for all that will be saved will be made willing.

J. R. SAMPLE.

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He does this, it is his power to save or to condemn, and not of death or life. Faith does not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God. Read Corinthians, chapters first and second, in which Paul speaks of the mysterious and hidden wisdom which God glorified before the world unto our glory, was known unto wise of the princes of this world, but God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the wisdom of this world is foolishness unto God, and the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, but he that is spiritual discerneth all things, yet he himself is discerned of no man. To understand God's Word, then, we must be willing to say, "Let God be true and every man a liar." We know not Christ, we cannot understand the Bible in spiritual matters; and without the Spirit, we cannot know Christ.

Bro. G. S. Anderson, in his *Scripture Builder*, says: "Let the Bible determine the truth. Compare Scripture with Scripture." And while he recommends the best translations and commentaries, he says: above all, ask the understanding of the Spirit. He says the necessity of the

before his conversion; yet he is fully was in unbelief. No unconverted man can serve God acceptably. He must serve in spirit and truth. Since man cannot serve two masters, he must love God with all his mind, soul and strength. The love of God must be the controlling principle of his mind and heart. Scripture is it's best interpreter. The Word of God was given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and is profitable for doctrine, for a proof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly equipped in all good works. But to do this, he must show himself a workman approved unto God. Daily, careful and prayerful reading of God's Word is necessary; but the motive must be pure: the reader must be actuated by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, for if the object of reading is not right, God may send strong delusions to the unbeliever, because he receives not the love of the truth, being condemned already as an unbeliever, and have no saving faith. Paul says: 'If our gospel be hid, it is hid to those that are lost; not having on the wedding garment, but

present Christ has chosen witnesses that they may testify of Him, and all things pertaining to His Kingdom. Brother, are you ready for this testimony? Let us view the Master as having left these witnesses behind with a special duty to perform, with the promise of His divine presence even unto the end of the world.

These witnesses combined compose the churches, they uphold the truth. Then the truth is a priceless jewel, must and will remain within her borders. This is not true that every true and faithful member of this one body of Christ. To head, the Holy Spirit his guard shall be permitted to hold up the truth before men? Ye are the light of the world. Taking this view of these things, this servant has nothing to fear. Keep in the Master and the testimony of his faith witness in you. It hopes to keep above the waves of worldliness, and from the power of ungodly men, and may the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth.

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5. General giving *distributes and equalizes* a common work which our Lord has set before us to accomplish. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." "For it is not that others may have relief, and ye distress; but by the rule of equality, at this present time your abundance being a supply for their want, that also their abundance may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality."

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9. Also to any as above mentioned, who will send us \$1.75, we will send THE BAPTIST RECORD for one year; and one copy of either of Dr. Gordon's two great works; that on the "Mystery of the Spirit," or "How Christ Came to Church."

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These are all most excellent books, and are put down at a figure far below what they can be bought for in any book store. Then, we want to reach all of our friends with this generous offer and will therefore agree to duplicate any of these offers to any of our subscribers who are behind with us, if they will pay up old subscriptions to date, and then send the amount of their addition for another year.

THE PASTORS AND CHURCHES OF THE CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brethren, our Foreign Mission Board is greatly in need of money to meet its responsibilities in carrying out the work undertaken for spreading the gospel in foreign lands. The board is dependent upon the churches through which they are combining their resources in preaching the gospel to all the world. Pastors, if your churches are not helping in this work, you are responsible for it. You cannot afford to neglect your duty in preaching and taking to these churches about missions. Churches always give something when the pastors teach them the duty, and then follow the teaching by a collection. When a church reports nothing for missions, there is at once a reflection upon the pastor; he has not done his duty. He has not been preaching on the subject. But preaching is not all that may be done. The pastor can get and give out to his people missionary literature. This literature can be had for the asking. Besides, the pastor can do a great deal in private conversation to inspire in his people a missionary spirit. But for this conventional year, only two months remain in which to make collections and send them on to the board. Brethren, if you have any love for the Lord Jesus Christ, if you have any love for human souls, if you have any love of loyalty to duty, show it at once in sending up to Bro. Rowe a handsome collection for Foreign Missions. Let every member give something, however small. This would in the aggregate make a great deal. If the 100,000 white Baptist in Mississippi would give at average of ten cents to Foreign Missions, it would make the good round sum of \$10,000. We have in this Association thirty-two churches. We are asked to give \$350. A very small sum indeed to give to save the heathen. Just a little over ten dollars a piece to the church. Many of the churches can easily give this amount. Many more can give twice this sum, and others can give two or three times this amount without any hardship. What say you, brother pastors, to making an effort at your several appointments in March to raise all you can for Foreign Missions? Come Brethren—Rogers, W. S. and A. J. Culpepper, Early, Lowrey, Rickard, Graham, Parish, Davis, Hackett, Venable, Knight, Roper, Williams, and others. Let us make the effort. We ought, we must, we can. The Lord helps us to try.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. is to have a local institution and a home in our city in the way of a hall and gymnasium, a secretory and all of the usual paraphernalia of such enterprises. There is a fine field here for great usefulness in such work and we wish for them a large and wholesome success.

We would call especial attention to the advertisement of Mr. Beaver, who seems to have probably the best machine for sharpening dull gin saws ever offered to the public. We can recommend Mr. Beaver as a fair and courteous gentleman, who can be relied on for the whole truth and the utmost of correct dealing.

A CORRECTION.

Dr. R. A. Venable, the beloved pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has neither accepted or been called to the pastorate of the Valence Street church of New Orleans. Several weeks since, he visited that city and occupied the pulpit of that church, but it was with the distinct understanding that it had no reference to a call to the pastorate. We saw the statement that such a call had been made in the *Louian*, and since that time in three or four other papers, though sometimes varied with the announcement that the call had been accepted. We were amply surprised at it all, as we were familiar with the doctor and his matters from an almost daily intercourse, and yet had heard nothing of this matter. It is marvelous what a talent some people have for finding out things, and especially things that have no existence. Dr. Venable is so thoroughly fixed in the confidence and love of his people here, and is doing such a great work, that it would be next to impossible to move him.

ZOLA, the much-talked-of French writer, seems to have come into all of his trouble and legal prosecution because of his too free use of the rights of "free speech" and a "free press." His immediate crime (?) appears to have been certain criticisms made upon the conduct of certain military officers of the realm, a class of French gentry that desire to be above criticism. Well, we suppose this French constitution allows such prosecutions, and also that the French people hate the Jews quite enough to encourage and applaud all such; but we are of the opinion that any government and people yelping republic can or free, who tolerate such absolutely despotic and repressive and suppressive measures, is rotten enough to fall into riot and revolution. Such barbaric and inhuman conditions and proceedings are fit only for the despotic Russ and the uncivilized Turk.

Dr. Kerfoot's new booklet on "Distinctive Doctrines of the Baptists" is with us and greatly appreciated for its clear and succinct statement of the great truths upon which it treats. We are especially glad of one thing and that is; that it presents the matter of church independence in such strong light. We are very much of the opinion of the well-known and always reliable, Dr. J. M. Pordition, that the final well-being and final success of the gospel depends very largely if not entirely upon God upon the strict maintenance of Baptist church independence. Baptists generally, will thank Dr. Kerfoot for this excellent little pamphlet. It is published by the Baptist Argus at Louisville, Ky., and can be had for a few cents each 50 cents per dozen and 100 for \$4. Address the author or the Argus.

While our Junior is talking taking in the health giving ozone of the North Carolina mountains at Asheville, the Senior expects to be trying to interest the Baptist Young People's meeting at West Point on "the heritage of Fathers left to the young people of the present day." See the program of that latter meeting in this Record and get ready to go.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

Rev. T. J. Miley, Mayton, writes: "We have had some fine meetings of late, good Foreign Mission collections. Will look after orphans in future. With best wishes for you and yours."

Bro. Miley is a strong and energetic pastor in the Rankin County Association, and looks after all the benevolent objects of our convention. We had a good day at our last meeting with the Pelahatchie saints. Congregation good and a good collection for Foreign Missions. Of course, it does not seem right for Bro. Longmire to be absent from the church here but we have had him in Jackson since January 3rd as architect of our new Orphan house which is now about completed. He was, however, represented in the collection of his church. We have an appreciated letter from Sister C. T. Lagrou, now in Kaufman, Texas, where she is spending some time with a relative. She says: "It is a great cross to be away from my church and where I can't work for the orphans. I cannot stay away from my church and church work."

Rev. J. E. Brunson, Toombs, says: "I am fully in sympathy with you in your work of building a home and caring for the orphans of our State, and whatever service I can render, will cheerfully be rendered, as I believe it to be one of the graded missions in which our people can engage." Bro. Brunson also looks after all other lines of religious work in his churches, and is an efficient pastor. Bro. Sturdivant, Shuqualak, speaks very highly of the Preachers' School lately held in Meridian. He says: "I went to Meridian and attended ten days attending the Preachers' Institute, which I found to be very helpful in my work. I visited Brethren Hackett and Parish while there, and was entertained royally by them." We rejoice in Bro. Sturdivant's good fortune in falling among so good a people at Shuqualak, and in having an opportunity to beat Meridian during the Institute held by the Recorder's Junior Editor. Bro. B. F. Roach, one of the best Sunday School superintendents in the State, writes very enthusiastically about their new Carrollton pastor. He says: "We have a great statement of the great truths upon which it treats. We are especially glad of one thing and that is; that it presents the matter of church independence in such strong light. We are very much of the opinion of the well-known and always reliable, Dr. J. M. Pordition, that the final well-being and final success of the gospel depends very largely if not entirely upon God upon the strict maintenance of Baptist church independence. Baptists generally, will thank Dr. Kerfoot for this excellent little pamphlet. It is published by the Baptist Argus at Louisville, Ky., and can be had for a few cents each 50 cents per dozen and 100 for \$4. Address the author or the Argus."

We are sorry to note the death of the Senior of our foreign mission secretary, Dr. R. J. Willingham. He died suddenly at his home in Macon, Ga., on the night of the 17th ult. We tender our condolences to Bro. Willingham and the surviving family.

CHRONICLES.

It is only about sixty years ago that the regular Baptists separated from the "hardshells," at least in this State. In swinging of some have gone too far, the hardshells were not wrong in everything. So far as the matter of missions is concerned, they would not follow the plain teachings of the scriptures—especially the command of the Saviour to "go teach all nations," etc.

But too many professed Baptists, like Lot, have "pitched their tents toward Sodom." They lean toward the world—its fashions, its maxims, its pleasures. Too few are Baptists from principle, from conviction, from "sound doctrine." Some are terribly afraid of "heresies" and, therefore, have no fixed belief; but are "winded about by every wind of doctrine." Hence, such may "drift away" through sentiment, indifference or environment. Others drift from their moorings into heresies.

Scriptural baptism was not the only doctrine of the hardshells. Of course they held to what is called by Protestant denominations "close communion;" but they observed it as a memorial service, designated as the "Lord's Supper." They believed, as do we, that baptism is a figure of the burial and resurrection of the Saviour, was to "keep in remembrance His death till He comes." Stress was not laid upon these as saving ordinances. They believe in a regenerated church membership, and therefore, in the baptism of believers only. Possibly they were a little extreme on the doctrines of predestination, election, and the final perseverance of the saints; but there is no tendency with some of our people to ignore these Bible truths? In our anxiety to magnify some special truth, we may neglect a more important teaching. This has been the cause of divisions, and the creation of numerous sects of Christians.

Speaking of the doctrine, *The Examiner* says: "To be sure, baptism is a 'preaching ordinance;' but it is not wise to count too much upon the intelligent understanding of the lesson it teaches, without 'note or comment' by the living preacher. A clear apprehension of the meaning of this ordinance is the clue to the meaning of the denomination, and no one who 'spiritually discerns' the significance of baptism can be in any doubt as to his duty to join and remain a member of the Baptist fold."

he sacrificed his life in the work. He preached many months in Rome, and visited Spain, if not Great Britain. Peter was inclined to stay in Jerusalem—we have no account of his venturing as far as Rome, so cannot see how he could have left a "successor" there. Indeed the New Testament is very silent as to any succession in Apostleship. There is much said about the appointment of "elders" in every church—as there were various churches, not branches.

One trouble about our churches, perhaps, is the fact that they dropped the apostle's rule of having "elders ordained in every church." Too much is left for the bishop, or pastor—he may not have the gifts to do all the work, even should he have the time. Further, the churches that are unable to have a bishop every Sunday, could pervert the less keep up regular services. This would develop the membership and give greater efficiency to the Sabbath School—not to mention other departments of church work.

Our brethren who may need help in protracted meetings, whether in town or country, would find it to their interest to correspond with Bro. A. P. Copeland of Lyon, Miss. He is a preacher of good ability and large experience and one who has been generally successful in such work. He will be found to be sound in his doctrinal views, safe in his methods and prompt and fraternal in his work. Much is being said nowadays about getting back to the ways of our fathers in our church and denominational work and one of those ways was for our pastor to employ other pastors rather than professional evangelists in their protracted meeting. Bro. Copeland's work is along that line and pastors will do well to correspond with him. Address: Rev. A. P. Copeland, Lyon, Miss.

We observe in the *Western Recorder* of last week that Dr. J. T. Christian has brought out the "interesting matters" relating to the Whitsett incident that he intimated some time ago would be forthcoming at an early day. Of course Dr. Whitsett will be able to explain or account for all of those seemingly palpable contradictions of his statements, and set the whole incident of editorial writing in the *Independent* in a clear light. We cannot for a moment suppose that Dr. Whitsett is capable of duplicity, but he must know something more than utter denials in order to relieve the situation.

Young Men's Christian Association, in Meridian, has been completed. It is an important movement and calculated to do great good. This is especially a railroad town and there are hosts of noble-hearted men here ready to engage in the work. Already the frames of about 400 have been secured.

What is known as the "Con-Sheehan building" has been leased for a term of years, and is to be properly fitted up at once. There is to be a lecture hall, a gymnasium, reading room, committee room, bath, etc., and the dues will only be \$3.00 a year. A salaried secretary will have supervision, and a janitor will see that everything is kept in order.

Our railroad companies have been very liberal, contributing over a thousand dollars to prepare the rooms, and propose to pay \$100 a month toward the expenses. The officers of the Association are J. C. Coleman, president; B. H. Doshhead, vice president; G. L. Carley, secretary, and T. L. Carley, treasurer. Directors: the officers, and Messrs Dalton, Alexander, Godfrey, Lewis, Duncan, Bardwell and Smith. H. W. Mischel, general secretary.

If the history of the Baptists in this locality is ever written, it will note some curious facts. The first church is in its sixtieth year, having separated itself from the anti-mission element about fifty years ago. Its first pastor after that event, was Eld. W. P. Carter, a relative of Elder A. Gressett of this city. There was a practical reorganization of the body a few months before the close of the Civil War.

Soon after the war, the first colored church was formed of members regularly dismissed from the white church for the purpose. Daniel Webster was its first pastor, and he was greatly respected by the white brethren. The name of the church was changed to New Hope, and became a large body. Recently buried in Georgia, the remains of his son John. May the grace of God be his stay and comfort in this sad trial, and also that of the bereaved widow.

The new pastor of the Gallman Baptists, Bro. T. N. Rhymes, has entered upon his work, and has already moved the church there to undertake the building of a pastor's home. This is as it should be. The Baptists may well copy after the example of our Methodist neighbors in having a pastor's home in every town that can locate a pastor.

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—from Atlanta Evening Journal Nov. 23rd, 1897.

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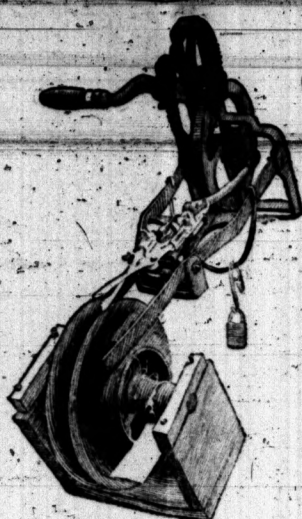
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